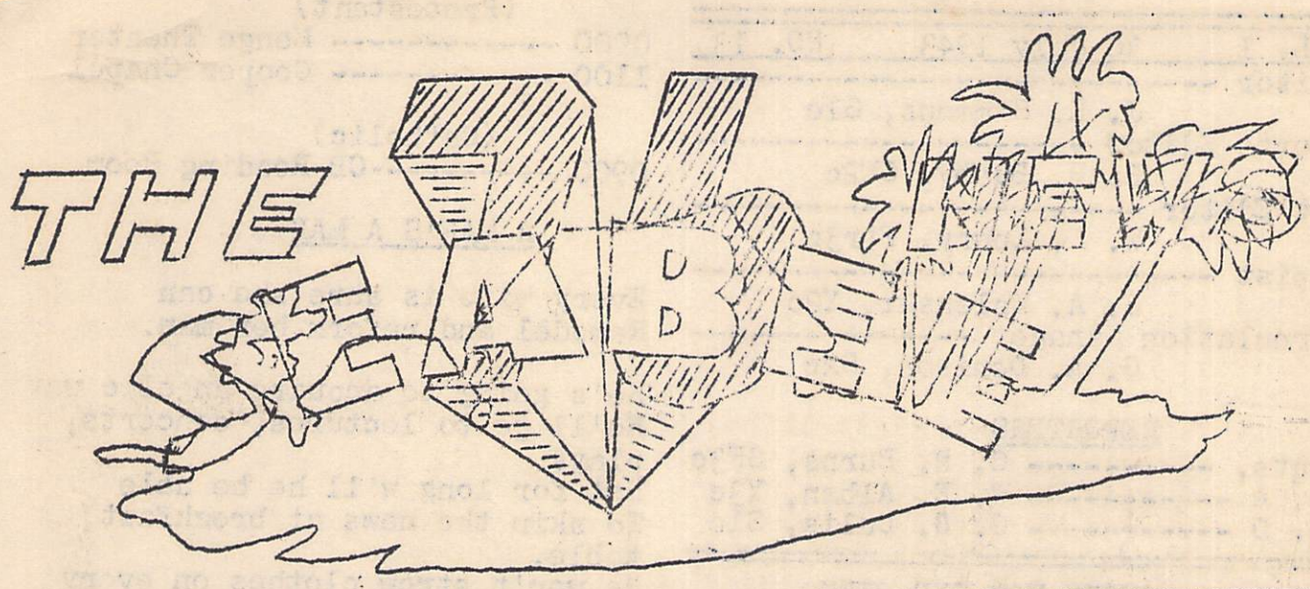


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## THE NAVY'S MULES

This is a word you probably have'nt heard,
But to the Japs, Seabee is a dreaded word.
We can be found in the Pacific and Atlantic.
We can also be found driving the Axis frantic.

Most of you have heard of Army mules,
We are the same to Navy, only we have tools.
We not only build, we're good in a fight -
Ask the Marines if this is'nt right.

We don't claim to be the toughest you ever knew,
Just fighting sons of the red, white and blue.
But we will be pitching when tougher ones come along,
And don't get the idea that this is all wrong.

You will read of us in foreign lands,
Struggling and building on desert sands,
Or fighting and freezing in the Artic's cold,
When the score is added and the story told.

Some of the fellows are older men,
Veterans of the first war, serving again.
Some have sons in the Service too,
Building side by side for the red, white and blue.

To wives, sweethearts and parents, we wish to say,
Think of us often and don't forget to pray.
All it will take for America to win,
Is the Seabees aiming at the Axis' chin.

We say to workers who itch for strikes,
To remember us on our perilous hikes.
Pick up your tools and go back to work,
You have the assurance that no Seabee will shirk.

If your hours are too long, your wages too low,
Go to the recruiting office, but don't be slow,
Our time is precious, spare moments but few,
We forget our pleasures, so why can't you?

( The foregoing bit of verse was written by Christian and Currotto, of Company D. It was written several weeks ago and we believe that the boys were inspired by the strikes in the States, at that time.)

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## MOVIES FOR THE WEEK

July 30 -- George Washington Slept Here
" 31 -- Fingers at the Window
Aug. 1 ---The War and Mrs. Hadley
" 2 ---------- Cadet Girl
" 3 -----My Sister Eileen
" 4 ---The Mysterious Rider
" 5 ----------Cairo

The above schedule is for Menge Theater and all pictures will be shown at Cooper Movie one day later.

## DID YOU KNOW THAT

Bill Glasgow, CM1c of Co. A, comes from Los Angeles and once worked for Paramount Pictures as Art Director.

C. P. Smith, MM2c of Company A, was head man for a construction company somewhere in Georgia.

Charlie Riley, S1c of Company A, is a good military man from Galveston, Texas. He had three years before joining the Seabees.

C. T. Hallums, of Company A, is a former ladies man from Texas. He may lose out here.

W. E. Wicks, of headquarters Company, is a native of Dallas Texas where he was employed by the makers of the Willard storage battery.

R. V. Wiley, of Headquarters Company, hails from Groford Texas. He was a truck driver there.

J. B. Wicks, of Headquarters Company, is another Texan from Dallas where he was riveting for North American.

Biondich, of Company D won a little cash from some of the boys because his new offspring happened to be a boy. He was confident.

E. E. Scheel, CM1c, is the proud father of a 10 lb. boy. Scheel is a native of St. Charles Arkansas. We wonder if he won any money? Maybe he did'nt have the confidence that "Kid" Biondich possessed.

## DIVINE SERVICES

Every Sunday
(Protestant)

0900 ---------- Menge Theater
1100 ---------- Cooper Chapel

(Catholic)

0900 ----------CB Reading Room

## A MAN'S A MAN

Every wife is sure she can
Remodel and reform her man.

He's going to acquire angelic way
He'll go to lectures, concerts, plays.
Not for long will he be able
To skim the news at breakfast table.
He won't strew clothes on every chair,
But she discovers, to her despair.
That after half a lifetime or so
He has the same faults, only MORE so.

## AMERICAN PASTIMES

The following items appeared in the DAILY EAGLE, Marine publication here on the Rock, under the caption-

## THE WORLD OF SPORTS

HOLLYWOOD: Lana Turner, honey haired film actress, yesterday gave birth to a seven pound, fourteen ounce daughter here. Both mother and child are doing well.
RENO: Mrs. Doris Duke Cromwell arrived here yesterday but refused to answer questions as to whether she has come to seek a divorce from James Cromwell, former U.S. Minister to Canada. "I' here to see the scenery and to enjoy the Nevada sunshine." Her lawyer said he would make a statement later.

## THE BOYS UP YONDER

A copy of the 76th BATTALION NEWS published by the other part of our outfit is on the bulletin board in the post office building Drop by andlook it over. The boys are still doing a swell job up there. Thanks for those copies.

Be sure and take care of Dr. Barber and also Mr. Pierce while he is up there. The bright lights are dangerous sometimes, particularly after a sojoun on a rock barely jutting out of a large body of salty water and where the words "Rock Happy" is a password. Tell Dr. Kelly to hurry on down as we don't know whether to trust Doctors Brogan and Kamp or not.

Everyone is doing swell here and we all hope to see you fellows in the very near future.

## COMPANY A

Ask Deck what he was do ing down at the docks last Monday at midnight. Was he using the dragline?

This drilling is really tough- Britton was so tired last Friday night that he had to be helped to bed, but after all, he does sleep in an upper bunk.

Blanton should have a secretary to help him care for his fan mail.

Chief Stradling, our toilet paper Commissar, has trouble keeping us supplied with this most valuable commodity. PLEASE do not use it for wiping your hands.

Glen Davis is making a fine hand in the galley. He seems to like everything about the job except the work.

We wonder if Steve Domby has'nt been feeling so good lately. He looks like he might have lost 8 or 10 onnces. (Editor's Note.- Domby always eats his meat between the serving table and the chow hall. Have a heart fellows, Domby is a hungry man. He loves the samples, so he says.)

Scuttlebutt has it that "Blackie" Blackwell had to be told to stop working the other day. Men that MUST be scuttlebutt.

We are told that there are no natives here but from the looks of the many sun-tanned backs it is hard to believe.

"Sew 'Em Up" Benge has started in the tailor shop. Now is the time to put those new rating badges on your "blues"; we may go to Alaska. More scuttlebutt.

## COMPANY D

Sidney Knight sends his best regards to all the fellows in Company D. He is now in Ship's Company at Hueneme and is still cutting hair.

Singley says that he is going c on hunting when he gets back to the States. What does he mean?

Chunn has finally made the grad He has been trying to get a light duty slip ever since he left the States and now his efforts have been crowned with success. Too b he did'nt break his neck.

It is reported that Geer is having nightmares. He was talkin in his sleep the other night and was heard to say, "Conner, old sweet". He better be careful, he might say the wrong thing.

Gurrotto has the crazy notion now that he wants to be a yeoman. He used to have suction and maybe he has it yet.

"Battling" Brooks is making his last stand Friday for better or worse. We hope he comes out on + Good luck, fellow.

Scuttlebutt is not so thick now. What's the matter, mates?

We wonder what old Hoke Bruce is doing up yonder. Hurry back.

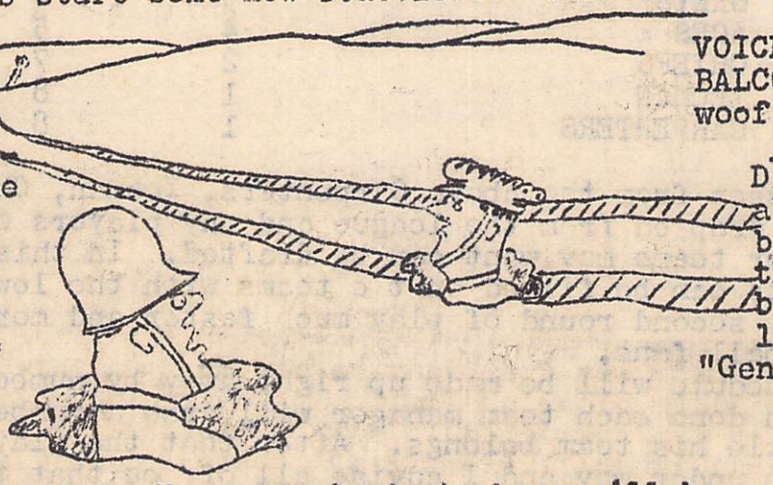
The announcement about L. P. Carstenson's new family addition was carried in the Battalion paper on Oahu. That fellow rate:

R. A. Laws is still working as hard as ever. You should see th guy move lumber.

## THIS AND THAT

The boys accross the lagoon are still working hard and are still looking for that day off pretty soon.....The fellows just on this side of the lagoon have the toughest spot to work.. . How they would like to have some shade..... Boys on the working party had early chow passes this week which were taken up at the door just like going to a movie back home..... After working all night it is very difficult to sleep in the daytime..... One of the boys who had worked all night was awakened by an MAA to find out why he was in his sack.. One of the fellows can't tell his wife what to name their new baby because the censors think that he is making hidden reference to something..... She is going to call him Junior Seabee until the war is over..... Let's start some new scuttlebutt fellows.....

MAGICIAN, (sawing woman in half): "Now, ladies and gentlemen, after the young lady is severed, her brains will be given to a medical college and the rest will be thrown to the dogs."



VOICE FROM THE BALCONY: "Woof, woof, woof."

Did you hear about the Seabee who saluted the ice box because the label said "General Electric

"And that, Hartung, is just why you'll have to dig deeper fox holes."

## SPORTS

By R. H. Busby

On Wednesday evening the Aces making a bid to remain in the league, played the Guns to a five and five tie. On Thursday evening the same two teams returned to the field to play off the tie but in this game it was the Guns all the way, with the Aces greatly lacking in hitting power.

Friday's first game brought the Engineers and Equipment teams together with all the fans wondering how these unpredictable Engineers would do against the Equipment gang, so far undefeated, in league play The Equipment showed that they are really the ball team that they are cracked up to be by defeating the Engineers, 13 to 1.

In the second game on Friday the Aces returned to the diamond needing a t least one win (with only two games left on their schedule) to stay in the league for the second round, to play the Scrubs. In this game it was the Scrubs all the way until the last half of the seventh when with two out the Aces put accross three runs before the final out and while it was a big threat it was still one run short of a tie score. The score for the game was Scrubs 5 Aces 4.

The last game on Friday brought a hustling Hospital team against the Guns. Making three hits pay off in runs the Hospital team scored six runs while the Guns although getting five hits were only able to collect five runs. The Hospital has played up and down ball all season and while I wouldn't want to say that they are not one of the best teams in the league still and al their win over the Guns came as a surprise to many. The Guns on the other hand are not the smooth working ball club that they used to be and can expect a lot of trouble in the second round.

On Sunday the Engineers in an effort (that was not in vain) to prove that they could dish it out as well as take it, ran over the Chiefs by a score of 14 to 1. This score strikes me as a little funny because the Engineers defeat was 13 to 1 and this score looked as if they were trying to show rather than say - that they could give better than they get.

Monday evening the Aces made their last unsuccessful attempt to stay in the league, against the Hospital Team. The Hospital gave them small hope from the start because they took the lead and never let it change. Manager Hewett for the Hospital pitched a good game allowing only four scattered hits and collected two for three times at bat. Rutherford and Douglas were also two for three hitters in this game. The final score was 7 to 5 in favor of the Hospital.

There are still two games to be played in the first round of the league and while these may change the standings of the first six teams they cannot possibly make any difference in the teams that are to be dropped for the second round. Following is the way the teams stand at this writing with the Scrubs having the Guns and Equipment team both to play. These games will be played as soon as possible and the second round of play started:

| | Won | Lost |
|---|---|---|
| EQUIPMENT | 8 | 0 |
| GUNS | 6 | 2 |
| SCRUBS | 5 | 2 |
| ENGINEERS | 6 | 3 |
| HOSPITAL | 6 | 3 |
| GREYS | 5 | 4 |
| ACES | 4 | 5 |
| CHIEFS | 2 | 7 |
| YEOMAN | 1 | 8 |
| CARPENTERS | 1 | 8 |

As can be seen from the above Carpenters, Yeoman, Chiefs, and Aces will be dropped from the league and any players on those teams that the other teams may want can be drafted. In this manner many of the weak spots can be filled on t e teams with the lower standing and will make the second round of play much faster and more interesting for all the ball fans.

The new schedule will be made up right away by numbers and after that has been done each team manager will draw a number to see where on the schedule his team belongs. After that the play of the second round will be under way and I advise all of you that the games from here on out will be close and well worth watching. There will be no Friday games in the new schedule so all can get their shell hunting done and see all the ball games too.